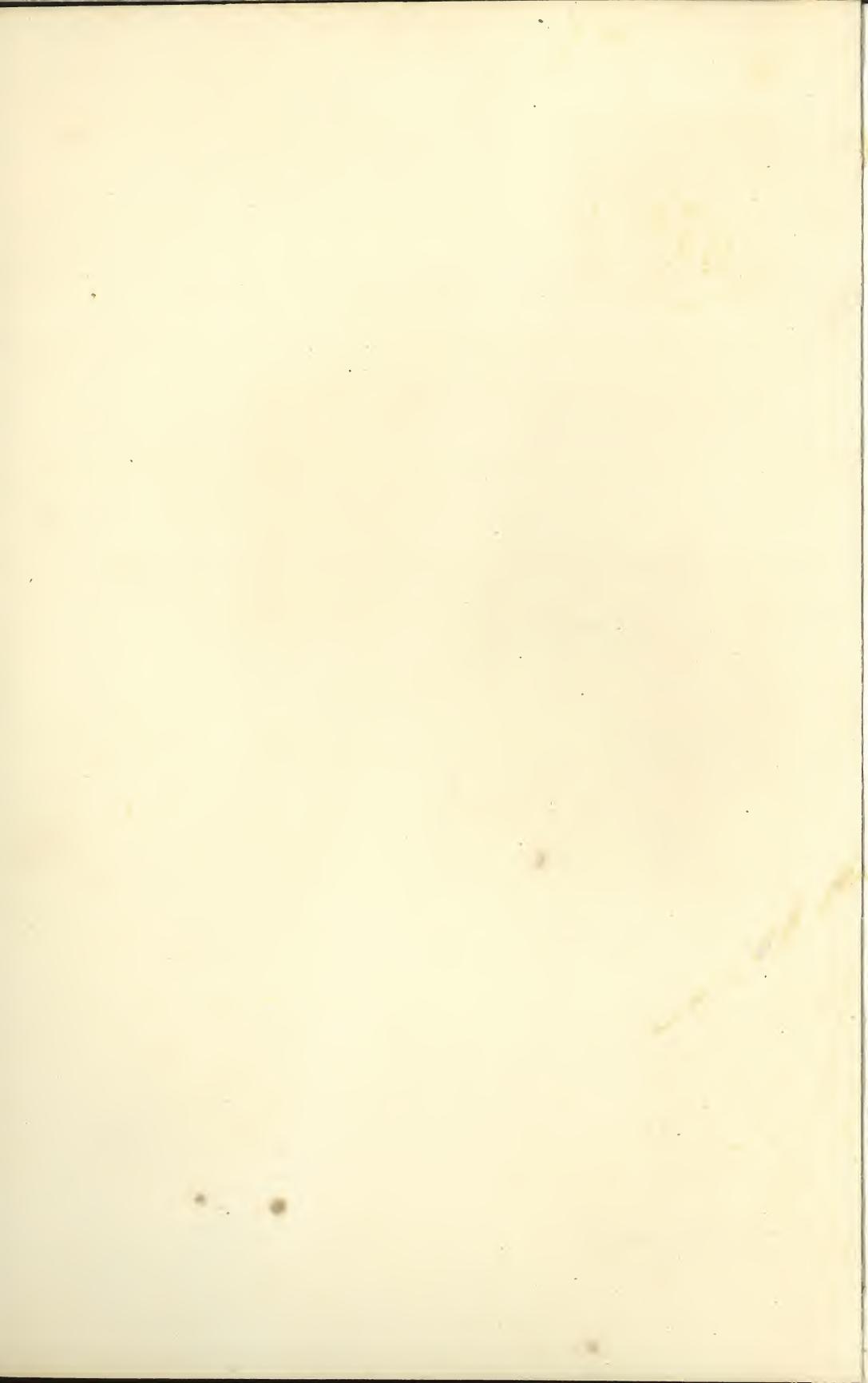


duplicate

ENDOWED

WITH

A TRUST

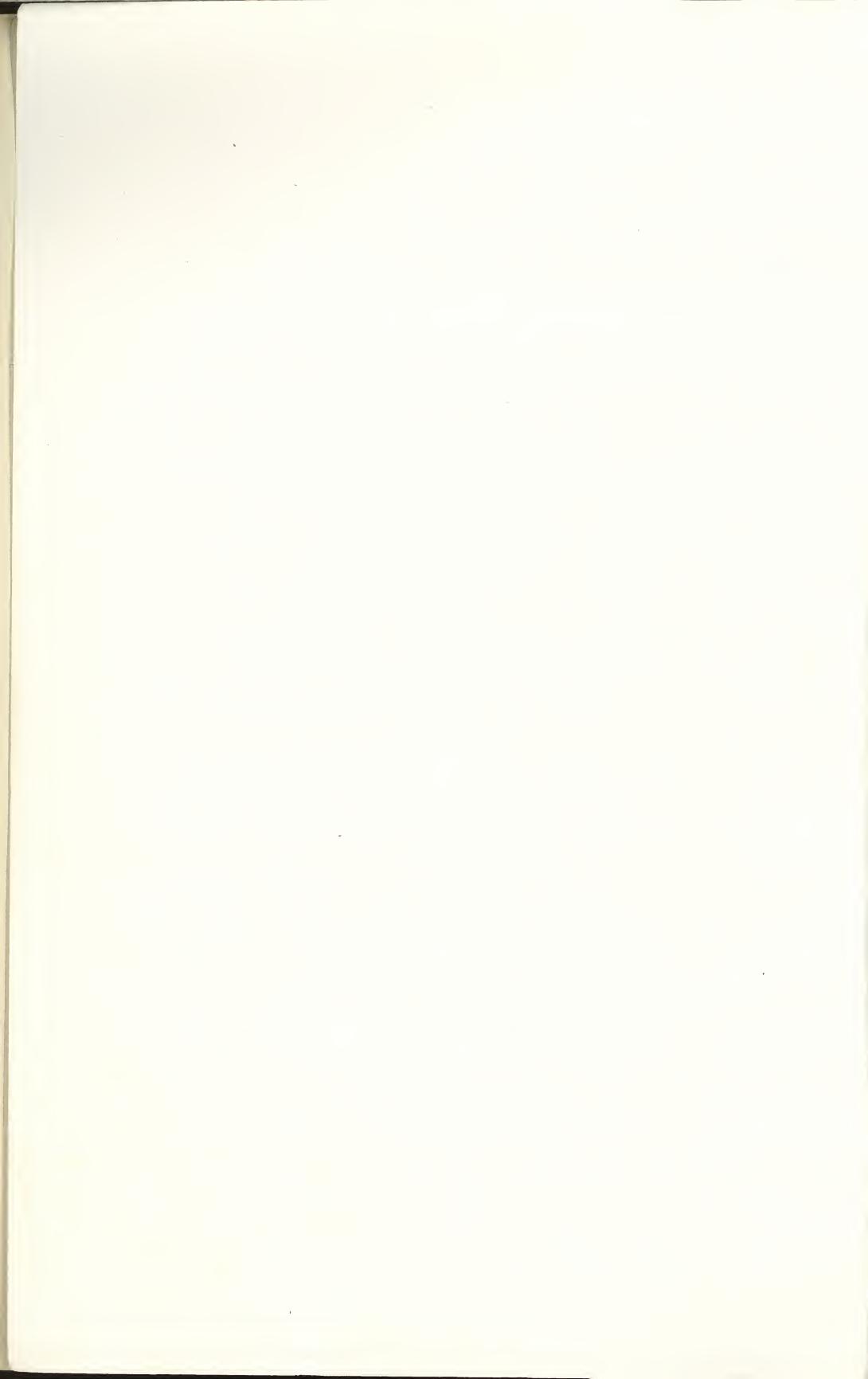


# ENDOWED WITH A TRUST

*Are the men and women who guide  
the activities of Centenary College*

Brief sketches of well known persons who  
give of their time and energies that  
a college may grow.

Published in March, 1946, for the interest of friends of the  
oldest college west of the Mississippi.



# FOREWORD

AS A PUBLIC spirited citizen becomes more and more involved in civic affairs he finds it necessary to choose with discriminating care the things to which he can give his attention. In this book you will find sketches of busy men and women who compose the Board of Trustees of Centenary College, and who believe that the sound management of the college is one of the things most worthy of their time and energy. To these men and women Centenary is deeply grateful.

JOE J. MICKLE.

*President,  
Centenary College  
of Louisiana*



## *Concerning These Sketches*

**I**N PRESENTING these brief sketches of the men and women who comprise the Board of Trustees of Centenary College it is not thought that they are complete biographies, even in miniature. The purpose is to show the experience and background from which the College may draw in mapping its forward course.

Broadly, every college should have trustees from several categories. There should be (1) those of vision and faith, often represented by the clergy of the denomination which has responsibility for the college; (2) those of education and imagination, whose acquaintance with other colleges gives them a technical knowledge of the "know how" of education; (3) persons of means and purpose, who recognize a financial responsibility toward a college, meet that responsibility, and safeguard the funds that other friends contribute, (4) those who have succeeded the hard way, winning in later life the culture that others gained at college and so have an appreciation of education that the more fortunate never may possess. Reading of these few paragraphs presenting the trustees of Centenary College will show that all of these groups are represented.

Colleges in America are not run for profit, they are not even expected to "break even," because they sell their product—education—for less than it costs to produce. Colleges persist only through the continuing generosity of those who believe in what they stand for. Therefore it is important that they be guided by men and women of vision and faith, education and imagination, means and purpose, and practical appreciation of all these things.



*John Baxter Atkins*

## *One of Ark-La-Tex Leading Businessmen*

**T**HE name Atkins is one that will be held in appreciation by Centenary College, for it is to J. B. Atkins, Sr., and J. W. Atkins that it owes its present campus. The name is represented on the Board by the son of the donor, John Baxter Atkins, born November 23, 1897, at Lake End, Louisiana. After completing high school in Shreveport, he spent two years at Washington & Lee University. His University work was interrupted by his enlisting in the Navy in World War I.

In harmony with the family traditions, he has been interested in many benevolent organizations. He is on the Board of Directors of the Red Cross, the Community Fund, the Louisiana War Chest, and is Chairman of the Shreveport War Chest. He is past President of the Chamber of Commerce, past President of the Country Club, in addition to which he is a 32nd Degree Mason and Shriner.

His chief business interest is that of manufacturing gasoline by reason of which he is a member of the Natural Gasoline Corporation of America, a Vice-President of it, and a member of the Board of Directors.

April 4, 1922, he was married to Katherine Adger. Their children are: John, Jr., Caroline, and Bill.

He has been a member of the Board of Centenary College for more than ten years.



*Lamar Baker*

## *Taught School Now Oil Executive*

**W**HEN Lamar Baker was teaching school in Arcadia, Louisiana, in the early years of the century, he had no thought of sitting on the Board of Centenary College as a Trustee, to which responsibility he was chosen in 1943.

After the usual courses in the grade and high schools, he attended the Louisiana State University and earned there his degree of Bachelor of Arts. While in College he was a member of the S. A. E. Greek Fraternity.

Teaching school seemed to be an easy and natural thing to do since at that time he had no specific career in mind. A little later he was invited to Baton Rouge to become the secretary of the State Superintendent of Education. There, for some ten years, he had the opportunity of becoming acquainted with all phases of education in the state. With the years, however, he came to the conclusion that the field of education did not offer the opportunities which he desired, and he began the career, which he has followed since, of operating in the oil field. He is at present secretary of the Haynes Oil Corporation and also a partner in the Morris Buick Company. This latter company enjoyed fifth rank in the United States for sales on a population basis of the area served.

He has been a contributor to the Red Cross, Y.M.C.A., U.S.O., Salvation Army, and other benevolent enterprises. He has been active in the finance campaign of these several groups.

He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and the Shreveport Country Club.

October 13, 1928, he was married to Miss Anna Mae Gandy. At that time he had already been a citizen of Shreveport since 1918.

His outdoor enthusiasms are golf and fishing.

For Centenary College he cherishes this desire to be "a college sufficiently equipped and endowed to meet the needs of this section and reflect credit upon our city."



Chris Thomas Barnette

## *Judge and Superintendent of Sunday School*

**A**BACHELOR's degree in Science from Centenary College in 1925 paved the way for a law course in Louisiana State University for Chris Thomas Barnette, of the Board of Trustees of Centenary.

He was admitted to the Bar before graduation by virtue of passing the state examination in 1928. After a brief career in the general practice of law, he was called to the Juvenile Court Bench of Caddo Parish, a position which he has held for some time with credit to himself and to the community. The excellence of his service may be inferred from the fact that he is a member of the executive board of the "National Council of Juvenile Court Judges."

A member of the Noel Memorial Methodist Church, he is also Superintendent of the Sunday School of that organization, and finds time besides to serve the Norwela Council of Boy Scouts, Volunteers of America, and to serve on the advisory board of the State Correctional Institutions.

He is a member and past president of the Shreveport Kiwanis Club.

June 15, 1929, he was married to Emily Sue Cupples and to them were born three daughters: Ruth Ann, Jane, and Clara Sue.

Judge Barnette is one of those who believes in a selected student body, and so far as Centenary is concerned, he would prefer to see it a college of limited school enrollment with high standards of requirements and adequate buildings to properly house students and faculty on an attractive campus.



*Isaac Franklin Betts*

## ***Banker by Profession and Practice***

**O**NE of the newest members of the Board of Centenary College, Isaac Franklin Betts bears the same name as his father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. Born in Thomasville, Alabama, he lived most of his life in Dallas, Texas, but spent various years in California, Louisiana, Washington, D. C., and New York City.

He attended Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas, but got his A.B. degree at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, and subsequently was graduated in banking at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey. In college he was active in baseball, football, basketball, and track, but has followed no outdoor diversion in his business career.

He enlisted in the infantry in World War I, was appointed to officers' training camp in Virginia, and ended as a Lieutenant of Engineers.

Before moving to Shreveport, Mr. Betts had been chief examiner for the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas. As Vice-President of the Continental-American Bank & Trust Company, he is identified with the activities of the American Bankers Association and the Louisiana Bankers Association, and is President of the Northwestern Louisiana Clearing House Association.

Aside from his membership in the First Methodist Church where he is Vice-Chairman of the Official Board, he has been active in Red Cross, Y.M.C.A., and Salvation Army work in Shreveport.

Civically, he is a past President of the Shreveport Beautification Foundation, Inc., a past President of the Optimist Club, and a past President of the Community Fund. He is also a member of the Shreveport City Planning Commission. He is a Mason, Knights Templar, and Shriner.

Mrs. Betts was Oweta Stallings, of Cleburne, Texas. They have one daughter, Eugenia, age 16.



*Sanford Henry Bolinger*

## *Born and Bred a Lumberman*

THE Ulysses of the Board, Sanford Henry Bolinger, born and bred to the lumber business which his ancestors followed before him, first saw the light of day January 5, 1855, at Mt. Carroll, Illinois. By degrees, moving southward via Kansas, Arkansas, Alabama, Mississippi, and Texas, he became after 60 years a citizen of Shreveport. Not to perpetuate a pun, it may be said that he sawed his way South, since at all times and in all these places, he was engaged in the lumber business.

His biographical sketches refer to him as a self-educated man. As a matter of fact, he attended State Normal College, Normal, Illinois, and later taught there. At various places and for various periods, he also taught school in Kansas and Illinois.

In 1882 Mr. Bolinger was married to Florence Green and to them were born four children. Mrs. Bolinger died in 1927.

Mr. Bolinger is a member of the First Methodist Church and a member of the Board of Stewards. In benevolence matters he concerns himself with the Y. M. C. A., the Girl Scouts, and the U. S. O. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and a charter member of the Rotary Club. He was one of the organizers and the first president of the Shreveport Country Club. He has also been president of the State Fair Association.

He was elected to the Board of Centenary College in 1930, and is one of its most enthusiastic members, and firmly convinced that Centenary College has a brilliant future.



*Paul Marvin Brown*

# *He Taught Greek*

**I**F THERE is any member of the official family of Centenary College who really belongs to that institution, it is Paul Marvin Brown. Indeed it may be said that the whole Brown family belongs to the College since Mr. Brown's father, grandfathers, two brothers, and his daughter were graduated there. An uncle taught Greek at Centenary for forty-one years, and young Brown's first job was teaching Greek at Centenary. It is a far cry from Xenophon to financing an oil business, but Mr. Brown made it via a banking career. He was cashier of the American National Bank, in Shreveport, and then cashier of the Continental-American Bank & Trust Company before becoming President and General Manager of the Bayou State Oil Corporation.

He got in World War I the hard way, serving as Sergeant in France.

A member of the Noel Memorial Methodist Church, he is on the Board of Stewards of that organization. He has been a member of the Louisiana State Civil Service Commission and a member of the draft board, member of the Rotary Club and the Chamber of Commerce.

He was the first elected to the Board of Centenary College in 1933, was treasurer of that organization for eight years, and has been Chairman of the Board since 1941.

He was married to Willie Eleanor Cavett in 1918. They have two children, Mrs. Eleanor Brown Greve and Charles Ellis Brown.



Turner Carlisle Clanton

# Handled Funds For Centenary College

FOR 22 years—and some of these were difficult years—the treasury of Centenary College was in the hands of Turner Carlisle Clanton, who, from the first day until now, has been a faithful member of the Board of Trustees. This stewardship started in 1911 and continued through 1933.

Mr. Clanton was born at Corsicana, Texas, May 23, 1882. His education was received at the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas and the Georgetown University of Texas.

He has been actively identified with the Red Cross, Y.M.C.A., and is a member of the Louisiana Orphanage Board. He is also a member of the Chamber of Commerce.

He has one son, L. C. Clanton, a graduate of Centenary.

He is a member of the First Methodist Church and serves that group as a member of the Board of Stewards.

By occupation, he is a wholesale lumber dealer.



*Dana Dawson*

## **Studied In The Holy Land**

**I**N HIS work of the ministry, Dr. Dana Dawson, of the Board of Trustees of Centenary College, is blest with more than the average background and training. After completing his educational work at Morningside College and the University of Chicago, he had opportunity for study in the Holy Land, in 1930, which was followed by a visit to Russia in 1934. In 1937, under the auspices of the World Alliance for International Friendship, he was one of the exchange preachers abroad, supplying the pulpit of the American Church in Paris and the Hoylake Presbyterian Church in Liverpool.

He began his ministry in Oklahoma. In 1927, he was appointed pastor of the First Methodist Church at Fort Smith, Arkansas, where he served for seven years. Since 1934, he has been pastor of the First Methodist Church of Shreveport, which is one of the ten largest churches in Methodism. He is, also, chairman of the Board of Education of the Louisiana Annual Conference.

He is a member of the Theta Phi Fraternity, and, in 1935, he was given the honorary D.D. degree by Centenary. He is a member of the board of directors of the Y.M.C.A. and is a 32nd degree Mason and Shriner.

He was married to Delma Millikan, of Oklahoma City, and their children are: Rev. Dana Dawson, Jr., of New Orleans, and Mrs. Keith Mason of Shreveport.

His aim for Centenary College is to see it one of the best church-related colleges in the South.



*William Lafayette Doss, Jr.*

# *Trustee An Alumnus of Centenary*

THE public schools of Morehouse Parish, Centenary College and Vanderbilt University, prepared William Lafayette Doss, Jr., for the position he occupies as a Methodist minister of the Louisiana Conference.

He was born February 25, 1881. He earned his Bachelors Degree at Centenary, his B.D. degree at Vanderbilt University, and holds an honorary Doctorate from Centenary. He is at present serving the Haynesville Methodist Church, Haynesville.

His affiliations in the civic life are with the Red Cross, Kappa Sigma Fraternity, Masonry (in the Scottish Rite), and the Lions Club.

He was a member of the 1940 session of the South Central Jurisdictional Conference, and of the 1944 General Conference of the Methodist Church, and the South Central Jurisdictional Conference.

On April 3, 1907, he was married to Miss Mabel Lea, who died in 1935. In 1936, he was married to Mrs. Lucile Garrett. By his first marriage there was a son, Dr. A. K. Doss, a specialist practicing in Fort Worth.

For Centenary College he holds the hope "to see it become a strong Christian College."



*Marlin W. Drake*

## **Of Fifth Generation At Centenary**

**W**ITH five generations in direct line and three of them Methodist preachers, Marlin W. Drake stands well to the fore on the Board of Trustees of Centenary College as having a special right to be interested both in its past and in its future.

Mr. Drake is a printer and long before he had earned his A.B. degree at Centenary, he committed himself to this craft rather than the profession which his fore-bearers had followed. A college education is not easy for a preacher's son, especially if there are others in the family, and he took with him to Centenary a small plant which he operated in the basement to help defray college expenses. Two years at Centenary and World War I got him. After two years service in the Infantry, with seven months overseas, he returned to complete his education at Southern Methodist University and took his degree in 1921.

A member of Noel Memorial Methodist Church, Mr. Drake is also Chairman of the Finance Committee and a District Steward. Indeed he feels that raising money is his avocation. In that capacity he has served the Red Cross, Y.M.C.A., the Community Fund, the March of Dimes, and many others.

He is a director of the Chamber of Commerce and currently President of the Kiwanis Club. He is a member of Kappa Sigma Fraternity. Other civic responsibilities less grateful were three years service on the ration board and Chairman of the gasoline appeal board.

October 17, 1922, he was married to Allyne Newton at Dallas, Texas. They have two sons, one who served in the Army and one who is still in the Navy. Both of these sons were matriculated at Centenary College. The records show that their great-great grandfather, Benjamin Drake, was acting president of Centenary years ago.



*Arthur Merriman Freeman*

## *Wears Key of Phi Beta Kappa*

**T**HE famous Phi Beta Kappa key is one of the honors won by Dr. Arthur Merriman Freeman, of the Centenary College Board of Trustees.

Born November 7, 1881, at Gadsden, Alabama, he received successively Bachelor of Arts at Birmingham Southern College, B.D. at Vanderbilt, D.D. at Birmingham Southern College, and was a graduate student at the University of Chicago and Columbia University.

He taught in normal schools two years before being ordained into the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. His pastorates include First Methodist Churches: Gadsden, Talladega, Huntsville, Tuscaloosa, and Florence, Alabama, and First Church in Monroe, Louisiana, until 1942, when he became Superintendent of the Shreveport District.

Before becoming a Trustee of Centenary College in 1941, he was for 20 years a Trustee of Birmingham Southern College. Besides the coveted Phi Beta Kappa key, Dr. Freeman is entitled to wear the pins of Tau Kappa Alpha and Omicron Delta Kappa.

He is further affiliated with the Masons and a past active Kiwanian and Rotarian.

In 1915 he was married to Dora Newell. Their children are Dr. Arthur M. Freeman, Jr., Norwood Hospital, Birmingham, and Mrs. Frank P. Cantwell, Shreveport.

For Centenary College he cherishes the desire to see it rank as the best, as well as being the oldest, west of the Mississippi River.



*Francis Marion Freeman*

## *His Hope—A Burning Torch, A Flaming Fire*

WITH a high sense of responsibility of his position as a Methodist minister, Francis Marion Freeman, pastor of the Noel Memorial Methodist Church of Shreveport, and a member of the Board of Trustees of Centenary College, holds as the most important event in his life "the day on which I was admitted into full connection as a minister in the Methodist Church."

Dr. Freeman was born at Watson, Louisiana, March 27, 1881. His education was received in the schools of his home city and in special courses at Southwestern University. His Doctorate was granted by Centenary College.

He is a director of the Y.M.C.A. and Salvation Army, and in the fraternal field, a Mason and member of the Knights of Pythias. He is also a member of the Lions Club.

April 26, 1906, he was married to Josie Gore, and to them were born two sons, John Sellars and Francis Marion Freeman, Jr.

For his aspiration for Centenary College he quotes the title of its well known history "A burning torch and a flaming fire."



*William Howard Giles*

## *He's For Adequate Endowment*

**W**HILE his main interest is naturally that of the ministry through the pulpit of the Methodist Church, William Howard Giles finds time for many civic and benevolent organizations.

Born at Rome, Georgia, some fifty years ago, his education was received at Emory University and Chandler School of Theology. He is the present pastor of First Methodist Church, Lafayette, Louisiana. He served on the Board of Christian Education of the Louisiana Conference for twelve years; and is now chairman of the Board of Temperance and Social Service.

Mr. Giles has served many times on the American Red Cross, Child Welfare, and Boy Scout committees in the parishes where he served as pastor. He was for two years secretary of the New Orleans Ministerial Union. Presently, he is chairman of the Lafayette Parish Anti-Tuberculosis Committee; and is chairman of Lions Educational Committee, president of the Lafayette Ministerial Association, and is chaplain of the Masonic lodge.

First among his hobbies is Boy Scouts and Cubbing, and he raises choice dahlias on a large scale.

June 8, 1918, he was married to Miss Mamie Williams of Auburn, Georgia.

He has been a member of the Centenary College Board since 1933, and his great concern is that the College shall be adequately endowed.



*Mrs. D. P. Hamilton*

## **Woman of Wide Interests**

**I**T is only in recent years that women have been represented on the Board of Trustees of Centenary College. Of the two now serving, Mrs. D. P. Hamilton is the last one to be elected, having been added to the Board in the fall of 1945.

Mrs. Hamilton is the daughter of J. B. Atkins, who, during his life was a leader in both local and state affairs. It was her father, and a brother, J. W. Atkins, who gave the land which now comprises the Centenary Campus. As an early benefactor, and in all his later connections with the College, J. B. Atkins was one of its staunchest supporters.

After taking her preparatory work at Ward-Belmont College of Nashville, Mrs. Hamilton entered Centenary, where she received her B.A. degree with the class of 1912. In 1917 she was married to David Philip Hamilton, a prominent business man, engaged in local and national petroleum interests. There is one daughter, Lucile.

In prewar days Mrs. Hamilton was associated with Federated Club work and for two years was president of the Twentieth Century Club. During the war she was interested in many phases of war endeavor, and was particularly active in Red Cross work. She is a member of the First Methodist Church and an active worker in the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Her hobby is her beautiful garden which has twice been shown in the garden tours arranged by the Shreveport Beautification Foundation.



*Sidney Johnston Harman*

## *Helped Centenary to Shreveport*

**O**NE of the leaders in the efforts that brought Centenary College from Jackson to Shreveport, Sidney Johnston Harman, has been a member of its board ever since that date. Born in Lamar County, Texas, August 25, 1868, he was an orphan at nine years of age, and a kindly aunt and uncle took him to Clinton, Missouri, where he received his education in the public schools and began at an early age to earn his way.

In 1887, he returned to Texas, and, from a small beginning in the cotton oil business, progressed to the top, became an independent operator, and in this field he is still an outstanding figure. He now has mills in various points in Texas, Louisiana, and Mississippi. In addition he is President of several fertilizer plants and an ice and cold storage company and is also interested in real estate. He is a director of the L. & A. Railway, the First National Bank, is a member of the New York Cotton Exchange, the New Orleans Cotton Exchange and the Chicago Board of Trade.

He is a member of the First Methodist Church where he has served as Steward for 35 years. He is interested in the Red Cross, Y.M.C.A., and the Salvation Army, and in other civic organizations. He still believes that work is the greatest panacea in life and his outdoor relaxation is an interest in livestock and his farm.

A genuine interest in helping less fortunate people over the rough spots in life, he is particularly interested in orphans. In memory of the aunt, who was a mother to him, he built and furnished an orphanage at Ruston, Louisiana, and turned it over to the Methodist Church to operate. For Centenary he hopes that it will become one of the outstanding institutions in the South, both in religious and academic fields. He is anxious that the college have new and adequate buildings.

July 8, 1901, he was married to Miss Bessie Stringfellow of Shreveport. Their two daughters are: Mrs. W. R. Barrow and Mrs. W. B. Chandler.



*Guy Morgan Hicks*

# *His Aims Are High*

**C**URRENTLY the District Superintendent of the Lake Charles District, Guy Morgan Hicks prepared for a career in the Methodist ministry in Emory College, Meridian College, Garrett Biblical Institute, and Union Seminary. This academic career has earned for him successively the degrees B.A., B.D., and D.D.

In the field of denominational activities, he has served on the Board of Missions and Education of the Louisiana Conference, he is Trustee of the Western Methodist Assembly, has been elected to two General Conferences in the Methodist Church, and also to two Jurisdictional Conferences. He has also served as Trustee of the Louisiana Methodist Orphanage. His latest responsibility is membership on the Committee of 200 for the Crusade for Christ, representing Louisiana and Arkansas.

In the field of benevolences, he has served on the Boards of the Red Cross, Y.M.C.A., and the U.S.O.

He is a member of the Kiwanis Club, a Mason, and a Phi Delta Theta.

Mrs. Hicks was Bessie Carroll prior to January 31, 1923. They have three children.

Reading and tennis are the outlets for energy not otherwise required.

When it comes to Centenary College, his aims are high. He would have it "the best Christian College in our Great Church."



*William Walter Holmes*

# *Millsaps Vanderbilt and Centenary*

ACTIVE and alert at 70, William Walter Holmes, District Superintendent of the New Orleans District of the Methodist Church and a member of the Centenary Board, was born June 20, 1875, in Kemper County, Mississippi. His college work was done at Millsaps College and graduate work at Vanderbilt University. Millsaps made him a Bachelor of Arts, Vanderbilt made him a Bachelor of Divinity, and Centenary made him a Doctor of Divinity.

During the long period of his ministry, he has held many offices in the church. He has been a member of the General Conference for twenty-five years. He is active in benevolent and charitable organizations and is a strong advocate of good government.

Fraternally he is a Mason and his interest in business life is shown by membership in the Chamber of Commerce and other business groups.

He was first elected to the Board of Centenary in 1912 and has continued in that office from that day forward.

December 19, 1907, he was married to Miss May Stone. They have three children, Mrs. Theron Brown, Commander Samstone Holmes, and W. W. Holmes, Jr.

For Centenary College he wishes to see it turn out more strong, Christian outstanding men and women than any college of its size in America.



*Floyd Benjamine James*

## *Had A Varied Experience*

**I**N Floyd Benjamine James, Centenary College has the benefit of intimate experience with several other institutions of learning. After preparation in the high school at Ruston, Mr. James secured his bachelor's degree at the University of Tennessee. He has been for some time a Trustee of Southern Methodist University, in Dallas, and is, moreover, a member of the Board of Education of the Methodist Church; so he has these experiences to draw on in counseling the course of Centenary College. Out of this knowledge and experience he gives as his personal desire for Centenary that it should have an adequate endowment.

A member of the Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston, Mr. James is President of the Board of Trustees of the Louisiana Methodist Orphanage and is treasurer of the Louisiana Conference Board of Education.

While in college, he became a member of Sigma Chi and Phi Kappa Phi. Engaged in the construction and oil business as president of the T. L. James & Company, he maintains membership in the Kiwanis Club of his own city.

He was married to Kathryn Ayres at Memphis, Tennessee. They have one daughter and two sons, ranging in ages from fourteen to four.

For outside diversion, Mr. James admits to a fondness for fishing.



*Henry LeRoy Johns*

## **Started Ministry in Shreveport**

**S**ERVING his first pastorate almost in the shadows of Centenary College (Cedar Grove), Henry LeRoy Johns, born November 12, 1896, Opelousas, Louisiana, gained his preparation for the ministry through the public schools of the state and academic and graduation work at Louisiana State University and Emory University. His Bachelors degree he acquired at L.S.U. in 1917, his Masters degree at Emory in 1921, to which Centenary has added an honorary D.D.

Starting at Shreveport, he has served Methodist charges in these cities: Natchitoches, New Orleans, Ruston, Lake Charles, and he is now in the fifth year at Rayne Memorial Church, New Orleans. In addition he has served as District Superintendent of the Monroe District for the usual term of office. He is Chairman of the Louisiana Conference Board of Missions and Church Extension, he is a member of the Jurisdictional Board of Missions, and a member of the Board of Directors of the Louisiana Methodist Orphanage. He is also Vice-President of the Seaman's Town House in New Orleans.

In World War I he was Y.M.C.A. secretary at the Great Lakes Training Station, prior to enlisting in the Navy where he had the rank of Ensign.

June 14, 1921, he was married to Miss Persis Means. Their children are: Miss Persis Johns, whose specialty is music; Lt. (j.g.) H. L. Johns, Jr., USNR, on duty in the Pacific; and Miss Helen Hope Johns, still a student.

The aspirations which he holds for Centenary are: "To serve the youth of today by helping them to achieve a well-balanced personality fitness for life."



*Charlton Havard Lyons*

## *Really Wanted to Be College Trustee*

**A**NY connection between teaching and oil business would be purely "coincidental," but Charlton Havard Lyons is one more of the Trustees of Centenary who found his way to his present prominence in the industry by first teaching the young idea "how to shoot."

Born at Abbeville, Louisiana, September 3, 1894, he holds a degree of Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Law from Tulane University. Before he had been settled even in the practice of law, which he aimed to follow, he was assistant principal in the public school at Glenmora Louisiana, and the year following was principal at Pollock, Louisiana. From then on, until he concentrated in the oil business, he followed law as a profession.

In church affiliation he is an Episcopalian and in his church is a member of the Vestry. He shows his interest in the things for which a Christian Church stands by being a member of the Y.M.C.A. Board, a former president of the Community Fund, a member of the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce, and National Director of National Conference of Christians and Jews.

In his capacity as a partner of Lyons & Prentiss, attorneys and oil operators, he holds membership in the Independent Petroleum Association, and has served it as vice-president and is now one of its directors and a member of its executive committee.

August 28, 1917, he was married to Marjorie Hall, of Wisconsin. They are the parents of two sons.

Mr. Lyons is deeply interested in his responsibility as Trustee of Centenary. He admits to cherishing the ambition to be a member of the Board for sometime previous to his election. He would like to see Centenary College "the finest of the smaller colleges of this part of the country."

When time permits he enjoys hunting and fishing.



*Paul Elliott Martin*

## Once a Lieutenant Now a Bishop

**R**EPRESENTING the Methodist Church in his official capacity on the Board of Centenary College, is Bishop Paul Elliott Martin, currently of Little Rock, Arkansas.

Bishop Martin was born the last day of December, 1897. He has proceeded in regular order to his present high place in the Methodist Church, having graduated successively from the Blossom and Paris High Schools, the Southern Methodist University, the Southern Methodist University School of Theology, and preceding the elevation to higher office, held these pastorates in Texas: Cedar Hill; Maple Avenue, Dallas; Henrietta; Iowa Park; Kavanaugh, Greenville; Superintendent, Wichita Falls District; and Wichita Falls. He was a member of the General Conference in 1938, 1940, and 1944, and the Uniting Conference in 1939, and the Jurisdictional Conferences in 1940 and 1944.

He has an A.B. degree and an LL.D. degree from Southern Methodist University, and a D.D. degree from Southwestern University and Hendrix College.

He is also Trustee of the Methodist Hospital of Arkansas, and a member of the Little Rock Y.M.C.A.

On June 29, 1920, he was married to Miss Mildred Helen Fryar, of Blossom, Texas.

Bishop Martin heard his country's call to serve as Lieutenant of the Infantry in World War I. Collateral church interests are trusteeship of the Southern Methodist University, membership of the Board of Missions and Church Extension, Board of Education, and Board of Temperance of the Methodist Church.



*John Caston McCormack*

# *He Knows the Radio*

**R**ADIO is one of the acknowledged media of communication in the modern world, and if Centenary College has learned to avail itself of this force, it has been in no small degree due to the cooperation of John Caston McCormack, one of its Trustees and a man of wide general experience in this field.

Born at Jacksonville, Louisiana, April 6, 1909, his career at Centenary College was not long enough to permit of graduation, but long enough to arouse a sincere and abiding affection for the school.

In his chosen field, Mr. McCormack rose rapidly until he was General Manager of the Tri-State Broadcasting System owning Radio Station KTBS and the International Broadcasting Corporation owning Radio Station KWKH, both in Shreveport, and President of Radio Broadcasting, Inc., owning Radio Station KTHS in Hot Springs, Arkansas. By purchase in 1944, he with other partners acquired Radio Station KTBS of which he became Managing Partner. He is a member of the National Association of Broadcasters, and also for sometime was a member of its Research Committee.

In community life Mr. McCormack has been a director of the Shreveport Chamber of Commerce, Deputy Consultant for Louisiana for Office of War Information, member of the Board of Directors for the Community Fund, and in the field of social service assisting the Red Cross, member of the Executive Board of the Boy Scouts of America, and has been variously honored by the activity in community welfare. He is a member of the Noel Memorial Methodist Church.

August 6, 1929, he was married to Miriam Huff. The couple have three children, John Caston, Jr., Charles Kenneth, and Janet Ellin.



*Randle T. Moore*

## *Assists Student Aid At Centenary*

**A** MEMBER of the Board of Trustees of Centenary College for approximately twenty-five years is Randle T. Moore. Farm born near Mooringsport, Louisiana, March 15, 1874, through a variety of business experiences and personal efforts his education was acquired, the foundation being laid in the neighborhood schools of his childhood.

His social and religious interests have been as diverse as his business experiences. Always a Methodist, he was for some years chairman of the official Board of First Church, Shreveport. He has always been active in many civic movements. He was president of the Shreveport Chamber of Commerce, also serving as director on the board of the United States Chamber of Commerce. He is a Mason, a Rotarian, and at this time, a director on the Board of the Kansas City Southern - Louisiana & Arkansas Railway Company.

His principal financial interests are in lumber manufactory enterprises, all of which are members of the Southern Pine Association. He represented this industry for a time with the O.P.A. in Washington during the war.

Married to Susie Frost, at Texarkana, Arkansas, the Moores have four children, three boys and one girl, all married and all graduates of recognized institutions of learning.

In evidence of his appreciation of higher education Mr. Moore is responsible for Students Aid Fund, a useful part of the Centenary College set-up.



*Henry A. O'Neal*

## Has Two Interests At Centenary College

**T**WO RATHER widely separated interests in the field of college life, are the concern of Henry A. O'Neal, as a member of the Board of Trustees of Centenary College. These interests are: (1) Athletics, and particularly football—these apply not only to student life, but to the interest which they set up in a community of which the college is a part; (2) Alumni advisor of Kappa Alpha, one of the leading fraternities at the college. In both of these fields Mr. O'Neal has functioned for many years.

Born at Linden, Texas, April 18, 1871, he had his high school training at Atlanta, after which he enjoyed two years at the University of Texas, where he was a member of Kappa Alpha.

He became a resident of Shreveport in 1901. Practically all of his business career has been in the field of life insurance and in that field he has traveled widely in the South. He is a member of the National Underwriters Association. In the field of benevolence, he was President of the Pines Tuberculosis Sanitorium.

He is a Scottish Rite Mason and a Shriner. For two years he was President of the Chamber of Commerce. He has also been President of the Shreveport Beautification Foundation.

He was married April 17, 1901, to Bernice Miles, who died several years ago. They had one son, a lieutenant in the Navy, who, since he has returned from the service, has been Business Manager of the Caddo Parish School Board.



*Emma Handley Peavy*

## *Loves To Help Boys and Girls*

**H**ELPING boys and girls through college claims her first interest—as it did that of her late husband, A. J. Peavy. Her's has been, however, a busy life crowded with many activities which definitely are benevolent and philanthropic.

In her own modest recital she admits she has been active in the Women's Society of Christian Service for more than 40 years. This is in connection with her affiliation with the First Methodist Church where she is also a member of the Business Women's Bible Class, which has for a long time carried a scholarship in Centenary College.

She is a charter member of the Shreveport Y.W.C.A., was on its building committee, and for a number of years a member of its board. She helped establish the Business Girls' Inn and has been a member of its Board from that time forward.

The Woman's Department Club is one of her pet interests—she is a charter member; on Building Committee of its present home, and is now serving on its Board.

Among civic organizations, her interest goes largely to the Community Fund, Beautification Foundation, Red Cross, and the Salvation Army. In addition to all of these, she finds time to follow her hobby of gardening.

Emma Handley was married to A. J. Peavy, at Lufkin, Texas, November 7, 1894. Mrs. Peavy carries on in her husbands activity of lumbering, being Chairman of the Board of the Peavy-Wilson Lumber Company, with headquarters in Shreveport.



*Bonneau Peters*

# *He Is A Successful Oil Operator*

**O**NE of the successful operators of Louisiana, Bonneau Peters was born August 3, 1887, at Ft. Jessup, Louisiana, and got his preparation for life at the high schools of Many and Robeline, Louisiana.

He is a member of the First Methodist Church in Shreveport.

His avocation always has been the field of sports and in the area of benevolence he has given time to the U.S.O. and to the City Recreation Association. He confesses that sports are a very big part of his life and that his interests embrace baseball, football, and basketball. He is president of the Shreveport Baseball Club.

He is anxious to see Centenary College grow and develop and along with that development, he hopes to see a return of "big time" football.

He was married to Miss Irene Hughes on October 15, 1922, and they have one son, Bonneau Peters, Jr., age 18.



*Ben F. Roberts*

# *Has Served In High Places*

**A**TENNESSEAN, born at Franklin of that state, July 23, 1880, Ben F. Roberts has devoted his life to the practice of law. He was admitted to the bar on private study, although he is a graduate of the Mooney School.

He is a former city attorney for Shreveport and has also been an attorney for the United States.

He is a member of the First Methodist Church, Shreveport; he is a member of the Board of Stewards, and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of that organization.

He is both a Mason and an Odd Fellow. He has been on the Board of Centenary College for more than 20 years.

He was married to Miss Rookh Atkins in 1907. Their children are Frances Roberts and Mrs. R. J. Brock.

He is particularly anxious to see Centenary College have more buildings and a larger endowment.



*John Lytle Scales*

## *Honored In Medicine As a Specialist*

ONE of the oldest of Centenary's alumni, Dr. John Lytle Scales has risen high in the medical profession. Born November 3, 1874, in Mansfield, Louisiana, he prepared at Centenary College for work at the University of Nashville. He has the degree of B.S., M.D., and LL.D.

In the field of Medicine, he has confined his practice to Eye, Ear, Nose, and Throat. He is a member of the Louisiana State Medical Association, American Medical Association, Fellow American College of Surgeons, and Fellow of American Academy of Ophthalmology—Oto-laryngology. He is a Licentiate of the American Board of Oto-laryngology and American Board of Ophthalmology.

He is a member of the First Methodist Church and of the Board of Stewards. In Masonry he is a Scottish Rite, Knight Templar, and Shriner.

In 1899 he was married to Miss Olive Webb, and in 1907 to Miss Ethel Webb. Children of these marriages are: John L. Jr., Olive Webb, and Leon W.

A member of the Board for almost thirty years, he cherishes for Centenary the wish to continued prosperity, expansion, and success.



*Angie Frank Smith*

# *Bishop Frank Smith A Board Member*

**A**NGIE FRANK SMITH, Bishop in the Methodist Church in the Houston area and member of the Board of Trustees of Centenary College, was born November 1, 1889.

His educational preparation was made at Southwestern University, where he received his B.A. degree, and the Vanderbilt University and he holds Doctorate in Divinity and in Laws as well.

He has completed a Scottish Rite degree in Masonry and is also a Shriner. He maintains a membership in the Kiwanis Club in Houston. He is Chairman of the Board of Trustees at Southern Methodist University and of the Division Home Missions and Church Extension in the Methodist Church.

He was married to Bess Patience Crutchfield June 16, 1914, and to them have been born three children, A. Frank, Jr., Betty Ann, and William Randolph.

As a member of the Board, he lends his efforts to make Centenary College second to no church college in Methodism.



*Byron Clement Taylor*

## *Wants Endowment Buildings, Beauty*

**H**IGH school, college, and seminary led Byron Clement Taylor directly into the ministry of the Methodist Church. In testimony of the preparation, he holds degrees of B.A., B.D., and D.D.

Born January 20, 1897, at Dresden, Tennessee, he is now pastor of First Methodist Church of Alexandria, Louisiana.

Along with the responsibilities of the several charges to which he has been assigned, he holds membership on the Orphanage Board, and the Mercy Home Board. He is also chairman of the Board of Ministerial Training.

In the benevolent field he is on the Red Cross Board, Chairman of the U.S.O. Council, member of the Y.M.C.A. Board, City Welfare Board, (Alexandria), and member of the Boy Scout Board.

He is President of the Ministers Association of his community and also President of its Lions Club.

Married to Miss Bernice Lee in 1925, they have two children, Robert Charles Taylor, and LeAnn Taylor.

His thinking on the outlook for Centenary College is direct and to the point. "I want," he says, "the endowment adequate; buildings enough to do efficient work; the grounds beautified and a beautiful chapel on the campus."



*Amos Langford Wedgeworth*

## *Serves In Field Of Finance*

**T**HE services of Amos Langford Wedgeworth to his community, for the most part, have been in the field of finance.

Born at Zwolle, Louisiana, November 18, 1896, he completed a high school course, then a business college course, and holds a five-year graduate diploma from the American Savings and Loan Institute. He is President and Director of the Home Federal Savings and Loan Association of Shreveport. He is also on the State War Bond Committee.

He is a life member of the American Savings and Loan Institute, and a member of the Louisiana Revenue Code Commission. He is Trustee of the American Savings and Loan Institute, past President of the Louisiana Homestead and Building and Loan League.

In the field of civic activities, he is a member of the Rotary Club, the Executives Club, and past President of the Chamber of Commerce. Fraternally, he is a 32nd Degree Mason and Shriner.

He was married to Nell Chowns, July 9, 1921. Their children are A. L. Wedgeworth, Jr., and Mrs. John W. Landon, Jr.

Aside from fishing and hunting, he expresses no interest in outdoor life.

For Centenary College he expresses the wish to see it "progress steadily as our community progresses."



*George Downing Wray*

## ***He Has Represented Ford Automobiles 32 Years***

**T**HE Presbyterian influence, which proverbially favors higher education, is represented on the Board of Trustees of Centenary College by George Downing Wray.

Mr. Wray was born January 9, 1881, at Burlington Junction, Missouri, and when a young man came to Shreveport to make his home. He entered the automobile business in 1911, and for 32 of 35 years of such business he has represented the Henry Ford interests.

A member of the First Presbyterian Church, he is a Deacon in that congregation.

He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce. In the field of business, he is past Vice-President of the National Automobile Dealers Association, and in the fraternal field he is a 32nd Degree Mason and Shriner.

Mr. Wray has been twice married. In 1940 he married Miss Evangeline Butler. There are five children by the earlier marriage.

Mr. Wray was active in civic affairs as long ago as World War I, having headed the Third Liberty Loan Drive for Shreveport and Caddo Parish in 1917.

He is whole heartedly behind Centenary College in its present program and would like to see it the best school of its kind in the South.

For diversion he plays golf and practices photography.



## ***Addendum***

While this booklet was on the press, the board of trustees at their meeting on February 28, 1946, appointed the following trustees to vacancies to serve until nominations can be considered for approval at the next conference of the Louisiana Methodist Church:

M. A. ABERNATHY, Shreveport, La.

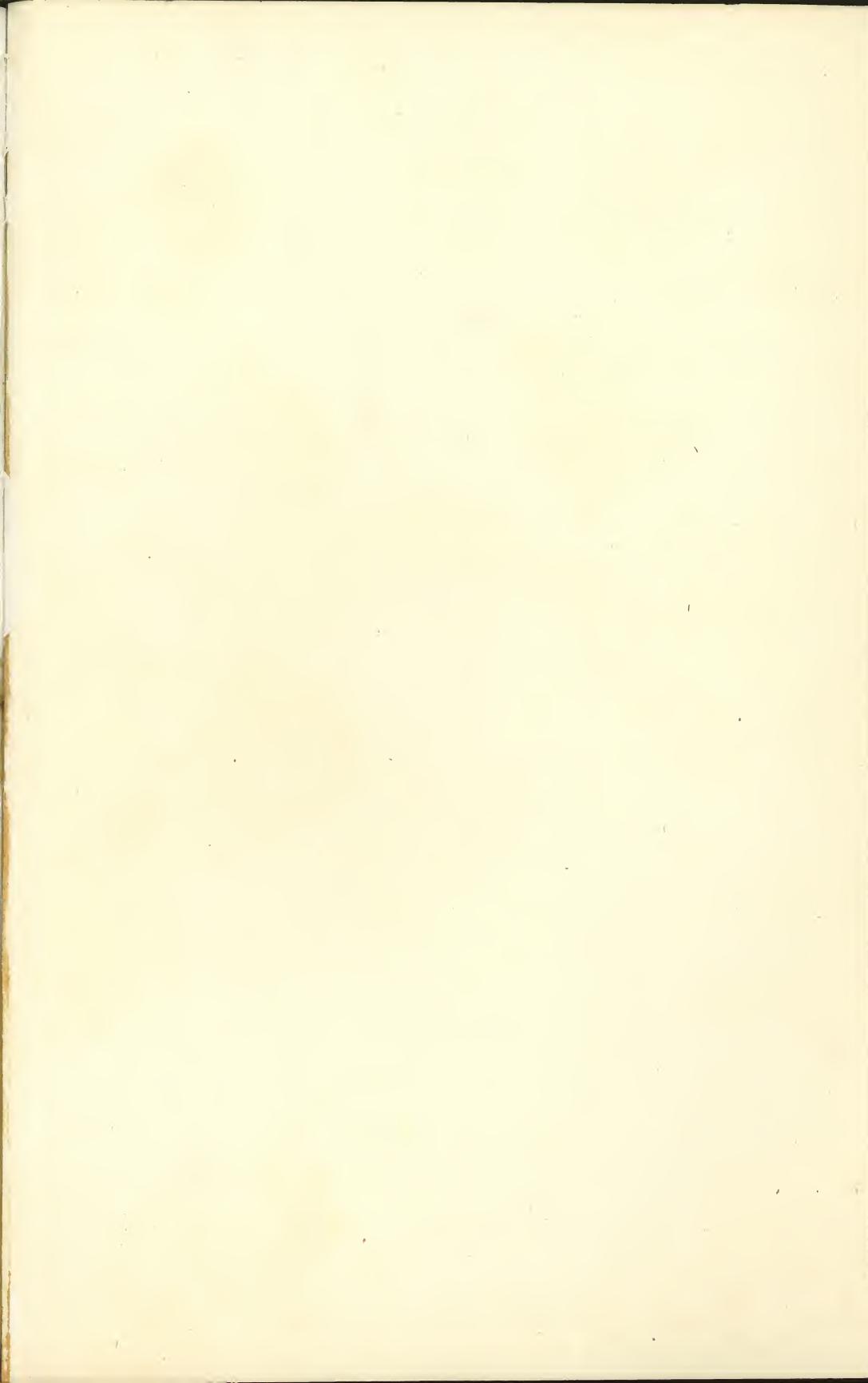
J. T. BROWN, Baton Rouge, La.

J. C. HAMILTON, Shreveport, La.

JOE W. PITTS, Alexandria, La.

Pictures and sketches of these trustees will be issued in supplement form to the present brochure.





ca 2  
Ad 4  
1946